



Sunday Masses (Webcam):

SS John & Paul Church : Saturday 6:30 pm.
Sunday 12 noon.

Mary Immaculate Church : Sunday 10:30 am

Daily Masses (Webcam):

Mary Immaculate Church : Tuesday -Friday 10 am
Saturday: 11 am

SS John & Paul Church : Friday 7 pm

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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June 1st, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Tom Whelan

First Anniversary Mass for: Siobhán McGorrian will be celebrated Sunday, June 8th in SS John and Paul Church at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: Thomas (Buddy) Bolger, Catherine Carton, Martin Fitzgerald, Patrick Andrew Gannon, Kathleen McKee, Richard Murphy, Jackie Nolan, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Liam Shaw and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Communion

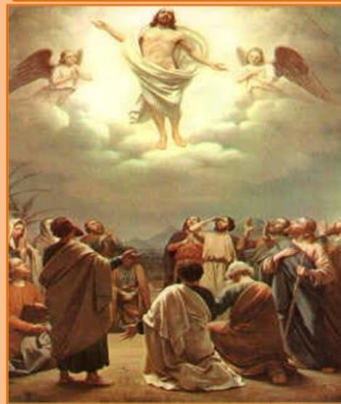


We wish the students of St. Senan's and St. John's schools who received the Sacrament of Communion last weekend continued blessings and joy. Sincere thanks to all the parents and school community who helped make it a very special day for the children.

The Ascension of the Lord

Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abides with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €1,711. The second collection in support of the Diocesan Education Fund was €1,455. As ever, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

Monthly Music Session at Wolfe Tones

Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA on Wednesday June 4th at 9pm. All are welcome. Special guests on the night are Gael Force.



IRISH CATHOLIC
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
COMHDHÁIL EASPAG CAITLÍCEACH ÉIREANN

Irish Bishops offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world at their Standing Committee meeting in Maynooth on the 26th of May. In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating: "We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world. We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heart-breaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick'. We call on all Catholics to make Friday June 6th, a day of prayer and fasting for Gaza"

Clare Mela and Family Fun Day



Shannon Tidy Towns is delighted to announce the return of the Clare Mela and Family Fun Day to the Shannon Town Park this Monday, June 2nd from 12 noon to 5.30pm. This is a fantastic free event for all the family.

Car Park Resurfacing



As I'm sure you are aware, the surface of the car park has degraded badly over the last number of years. For health and safety reasons, it was decided that the car park should be resurfaced in full. Hopefully this new surface should last for many years into the future. As a result, the car park of SS John and Paul Church will be closed from next Monday evening, June 2nd, through to next Saturday to facilitate the works and allow the surface time to settle. Many thanks for your understanding. While the council, through Tony Mulcahy have provided a small grant to cover the entrance to the car park and public pathway, the total cost will still be over €40,000. If anyone wishes to donate to the project, all donations would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Fr. Michael

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament

to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most

High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten
Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to
the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in
heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(World Communications Day)

1st June 2025

The Lord is absent: Even though he has returned to his Father, he is with us. Today's feast is the celebration that he is present both in heaven and on earth.

When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is ' he had said' what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 46)

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make
disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to
the end of time. Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Luke 24: 46 - 53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,



maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit

**was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**



✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O
Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of
your Son: grant, we pray, that through this
most holy exchange we, too, may rise up
to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our
Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us
free.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those
on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant,
we pray, that Christian hope may draw us
onward to where our nature is united with
you. Through Christ our Lord.